



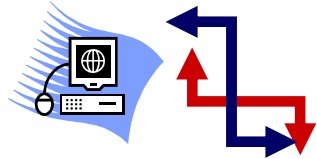
# City Connection

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## CONNECTED

Are you familiar with the City's website? Have you noticed our updated look? We've changed things up a bit, so visit us at [www.huntsvilletx.gov](http://www.huntsvilletx.gov). What will you see? Well, for one, we've tried to separate the meeting notices from other news events and other information. To the right of this article, you'll see a recent snapshot of the home page. Under our brief "Welcome!" section is a "Calendar" section, where you can find the next few scheduled Public Meetings and Events. When additional information is available, such as a meeting agenda or flyer, it will be accessible by clicking on the meeting or event title. Sometimes we calendar public meetings well in advance of our 72-hour posting requirement, so if you don't find what you're looking for initially, please check back!

Below the "Calendar" section is the "City News" section. We've been posting various kinds of reports and information in this section, from various City departments. Much like the meetings and events, if additional documents are available, they can be accessed by clicking on the news article title. The

City's Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2009 is available online – see the left-hand directory for the budget documents, as well as various online and other services listed.

City Council meetings are aired live on Channel 7, and repeated at other scheduled times throughout the

week. While the schedule may be hectic during the beginning of the semester, we hope to be back up and running smoothly again soon. Tune in!

And, don't forget...you can sign up to get the City Connection in full color delivered to your

Inbox, along with other City informational pamphlets, agendas, fliers or notices. Go to [http://www.huntsvilletx.gov/residents/e\\_services/e\\_news](http://www.huntsvilletx.gov/residents/e_services/e_news) and sign up for as many or few notifications as you would like.

**City of Huntsville, Texas**

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### Welcome!

Huntsville is one of Texas' oldest cities which became the home of [Sam Houston](#), the first and third President of the Republic of Texas and later Governor of the state. Huntsville has a population of 35,078 and is situated in the eastern [Piney Woods](#) region of the state.

Located in town are two of Houston's homes, a museum, and a 66 ft. statue which is the tallest statue of an American hero in the world. We are also home to Sam Houston State University, Texas Department of Criminal Justice (the only state agency with headquarters outside of Austin), and Huntsville State Park.

#### Public Meetings [View All]

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**  
Fri, Dec 19, 2008 at 12:00pm at City Hall - Council Chambers

**City Council Meeting**  
Tue, Jan 6, 2009 at 6:00pm at City Hall - Council Chambers

**City Council Meeting**  
Tue, Jan 20, 2009 at 6:00pm at City Hall - Council Chambers

#### Upcoming Events [View All]

**Pre-School Story Hour**  
Thu, Dec 18, 2008 at 10:30am at Public Library

**Pilates**  
Thu, Dec 18, 2008 from 12:00pm - 1:00pm at Iron Works

**Weaving Demonstrations**  
Thu, Dec 18, 2008 from 1:00pm - 6:00pm at Wynne Home

**Benefit and Reception**  
Thu, Dec 18, 2008 at 7:30pm at Wynne Home

#### City News [View All]

**Result of the 2007 Citizen Satisfaction Survey**  
Results of the 2007 Citizen Satisfaction Survey conducted by Raymond Turco & Associates were presented to City Council at their regular meeting on November 11, 2008. A copy of the full report will be available online until December 31, 2008. After that time, please contact the City Secretary's Office at 936-291-5403 to view or request a copy.

**TIRZ No. 1 and Ravenwood Village Project**  
Due to high community interest, the City Secretary's Office has posted several documents related to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 and the Ravenwood Village Project. These documents will remain posted on the City's website for approximately sixty days, and can be accessed after it is removed from the website by contacting the City Secretary's Office at 936.291.5403.

## Citizens of Huntsville

*Be a part of Democracy in Action! Your input is Requested and Respected!  
We invite you to visit our City facilities, attend Council meetings and take part  
in your community!*



## Request to Customers Automated Residential Collection

The Solid Waste Services staff kindly request for customers who set out their automated cart only once a week, to please do so on the second collection day. This would be either a Thursday or Friday. Your effort would more evenly distribute the work hours and tonnage collected by the automated residential drivers on those routes.

Your cooperation is appreciated. Please call Esther Herklotz, Solid Waste Superintendent, at 936-294-5724 if you have any questions.

# Streetlight Outages

## *Who should you call?*

Lighting the way for drivers and pedestrians, streetlights are vital to our everyday lives. To assist citizens in crime prevention and safety in their neighborhoods, the City of Huntsville has established a special line for residents to call and report street light outages.

If you are aware of street lights that are not working, burning during the daytime, or appear to be damaged in any way, please contact the City of Huntsville Public Works Department at **936-294-5700**. You may also report the outage by contacting Entergy Texas at **1-800-OUTAGE (1-800-968-8243)**.

With approximately 1300 streetlights in the city limits of Huntsville, we appreciate your help in identifying lights that are malfunctioning or in need of repair.



# Reminder

**Heavy Trash / Large Yard Waste**  
 2nd & 4th Wednesday Pick-up;  
**Call-In REQUIRED 294-5796**  
\*ALL Requests must be made no later than  
MONDAY (the week of) by noon



Please note requirement that all requests must be made no later than MONDAY (the week of) by noon

## Police/Fire Statistics November 2008

### Police:

- ♦ Calls for service: 3617
- ♦ Accidents investigated: 82
- ♦ Animal Control complaints investigated: 79

### Fire:

- ♦ Calls for service: 105
- ♦ Main alarm calls: 18

## Save the Date

**Friday, February 27,  
2009**



## 6th Annual Beautification Golf Tournament

Contact Matt Lumpkins  
at 936-294-5720



# Kid's Korner

Can you find all 12 months?

JANUARY	MAY	SEPTEMBER
FEBRUARY	JUNE	OCTOBER
MARCH	JULY	NOVEMBER
APRIL	AUGUST	DECEMBER

S O Y U X Q S X R S X N B M F E  
 B U F R W C B H M B S M T J E U  
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## City of Huntsville

### Employment Opportunities

*"Our vision for the City of Huntsville is to have a community that is beautiful, historic, culturally diverse, affordable, safe and well planned with great opportunity for our citizens."*

#### How To Apply:

All available jobs are posted at City Hall or you may visit [www.huntsvilletx.gov](http://www.huntsvilletx.gov) to see job postings

**City Of Huntsville**  
**Attn. Tara Williams**  
**Human Resources Coordinator**  
**1212 Avenue M**  
**Huntsville, Texas 77340**  
**Phone: 936-291-5415**

The City of Huntsville application for employment must be completed and submitted by the closing date posted to be considered for employment. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of applications.

E.E.O.

The City of Huntsville is an equal opportunity employer, seeking to strengthen its staff with a broad range of candidates.

Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



## Calendar

### JANUARY

19 City offices closed—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
 20 City Council Meeting—6pm at City Hall

### FEBRUARY

3 City Council Meeting—6pm at City Hall  
 17 City Council Meeting—6pm at City Hall

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 for a complete calendar of events



## RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

### It's time to "winterize" your sewer charge

Water meter usage for the months of November through February is used to calculate your new sewer average charge for the next year. Consciously reducing your water usage during these months could lower your sewer charge. You can reduce your usage by limiting or completely eliminating outside watering. The new sewer average charge will be effective with the April 2009 billing (due in May).